



South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

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EVENT: COVID-19 PANDEMIC

I. PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY EXTENDED

On Monday, July 19, HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra extended the date for the end of the declared COVID-19 Public Health Emergency to October 20, 2021. The previous PHE extension was set to expire on July 21, 2021. See the renewal notice [here](#).

II. CRCFs NO LONGER REQUIRED TO REPORT WEEKLY VISITATION STATUS

On July 20, 2021, [DHEC rescinded Public Health Order No. COVID-19-5](#). This means, effective immediately, nursing homes and community residential care facilities are no longer required to report their weekly visitation status to DHEC. The week ending July 19, 2021, was the final week of mandated reporting. If you or your staff click on the submission form, it now states, "This form is currently not accepting responses." DHEC may at any point in the future impose a mandate on facilities to report information in the interest of the health and safety of your residents, but DHEC would notify facilities in advance of any such new reporting requirement.

DHEC's visitation guidelines remain in effect and are available [here](#).

Please feel free to contact acc-healthreg@dhec.sc.gov with any questions.

III. UPDATED INFORMATION FROM CDC FOR FAMILIES WITH VACCINATED AND UNVACCINATED MEMBERS

The CDC has posted updated information for families on vaccination and ways to protect family members who are too young to be vaccinated. The update also includes the latest information on the COVID-19 pandemic nationwide along with the latest statistics from the CDC on the pandemic. You can find the information [here](#).

IV. NEW DAILY REPORTED COVID-19 CASES ON THE RISE IN SC

In the past month, new daily reported cases in SC have increased 58%. The new cases of COVID-19 come predominantly from un-vaccinated individuals. While vaccination does not ensure that a person will not get COVID-19, it can make the infection much less severe. The Delta Variant, which spreads more easily than previous COVID strains, appears to be responsible for much of the increase. See this news [article](#) for additional information.

V. **DHEC ANNOUNCES IN-HOME VACCINATION PROGRAM**

DHEC recently coordinated with **H&M labs and Welcome Family Pharmacy** to identify a June 1st start date for the In-Home Vaccination Program. Individuals who need in-home COVID-19 vaccination services should contact DHEC's COVID-19 vaccine information line **1-866-365-8110**. Individuals will be asked to provide their name, date of birth, address, and email address. DHEC will send the individuals information to the vendor for scheduling. **Please note community members should not directly contact the vendors.** All calls must be routed through dialing **1-866-365-8110**.

VI. **DHEC DEVELOPS CUPP (COMMUNITY UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS PLAN)**

To provide greater access to Covid-19 vaccines, DHEC developed a **tool for groups** who experience significant barriers in accessing community vaccine clinics to coordinate with providers offering on-site Covid-19 vaccination service. DHEC identified more than 80 providers statewide, mapped their service areas, identified CUPP program-specific points of contact, and recorded service details for each provider. We are asking people to "apply" to get access to the map. The application portal is only 5 questions and should take less than 3 minutes to fill out. If they select any population type other than "other" an automated email will be sent with the link to the map. If they select "other" someone will review the application and direct the person to the appropriate community resource. This process also allows us to automate map delivery, know who has requested access, understand where we may need to direct more outreach, and spot-check how successful community partners have been in scheduling appointments. After applying for the resource, the community partner or planner will receive a link to the map and instructions that will allow them to identify and coordinate on-site vaccination clinics with willing providers. The link to the application portal for distribution is accessible [here](#). **Please feel free to share the link with any interested community partners or groups.**

VII. **COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATE**

As of July 17, 43.8 percent of all South Carolinians have completed full vaccination. Additionally, 49.7 percent of all South Carolinians are now at least partially vaccinated. South Carolina has received over 4.9 million doses of vaccines of which 94.2 percent have been administered. You can view the DHEC vaccine dashboard [here](#).

For those needing to find a vaccination site in their area, please see the DHEC [Vaxlocator](#).